

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

January 3, 2008

H.E. Mr. Pascal Lamy
Director-General
World Trade Organization
Rue de Lausanne 154
1211 Geneva 21
Switzerland

Dear Director-General Lamy:

As Chairs of the U.S. *Congressional Services Caucus*, we are writing in support of your efforts to conclude successfully the WTO Doha Development Agenda and to offer our current assessment of the services negotiations.

After reviewing the status of discussions in Geneva, including the latest reports on the plurilateral negotiations, we find the amount of progress on services liberalization to be very disappointing. What is currently on the table falls very short of the ambitious goals for this Round.

Leadership and direction are critical at this time if we are to realize an outcome on services that delivers on the development promise of Doha. Countless studies have concluded that the greatest economic benefits – for both developed and developing countries – would derive from significant services liberalization.

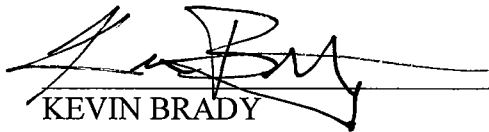
Accordingly, we urge you to direct the Chair of the Council on Trade in Services to offer a text on services that urges a level of ambition comparable to that in the agriculture and manufactured goods negotiations, as well as accelerates your work so that services catches up with these other two negotiations. In addition to establishing a timeframe for Members to submit the next round of offers, we believe the text should push Members to commit to maintain their economy's current levels of market access and national treatment for services and provide new market access in sectors where trade impediments remain.

We fear that, without this clear guidance, the services negotiations will continue to act as a drag on the overall ambition of the Round, and ultimately, could cost the support of those who expect it to deliver significant new access across all pillars of the negotiation.


We look forward to working with you in the coming year to ensure that we achieve an ambitious, balanced, and comprehensive trade agreement that includes a strong outcome for services market access.

Thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,



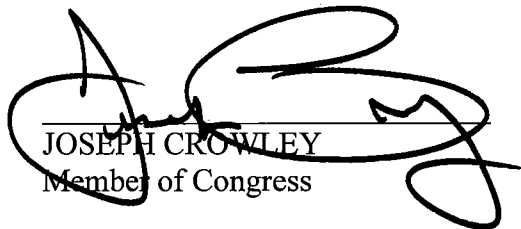
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Weiss, Katie

From: Ellis, Kimberly Thompson
Sent: Wednesday, January 02, 2008 9:26 AM
To: Weiss, Katie
Subject: FW: Services Letter (Final)
Attachments: Services Letter (Final).doc

I think we're ready to send this letter now. Could you format, change to the correct date, and collect the sigs?
THANKS!

Kimberly Thompson Ellis*
Legislative Director
Congressman Kevin Brady (TX-o8)

**note name change*

From: Ellis, Kimberly Thompson
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 9:59 AM
To: Weiss, Katie
Subject: Services Letter (Final)

I have a favor to ask this morning - could you print this on letterhead and collect the signatures of the other Congressman? Here are the contacts in each office--

Gregory Meeks: Sophia King
Phil English: David Stewart
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Ruben Hinosia: Andrew Jones
Joe Crowley: Gregg Shieowitz

Thank you!!!



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